

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that should claim 36 be found allowable, claim 60 would be objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. Claim 60 has therefore been cancelled.

Claim rejections - 35 U.S.C. 101

Claim 75 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter, and has therefore been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 6, 19-35, 39-53, 58-59, 61-62, and 65-66 would be allowable if written in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims from which they depend.

Claims 6, 19, and 39 have therefore been rewritten in independent form. In particular, claim 6 now includes the limitations of previous claim 1, claim 19 now includes the limitations of previous claims 1 and 7, and claim 39 also includes the limitations of previous claims 1 and 7. Therefore, claims 6, 19, and 39 as amended, and thus claims 20-35, 40-53, 58-59, 61-62, and 65-66 as originally filed and which depend therefrom, incorporate subject matter which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable.

Claims 7 and 69-71 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 6. Claims 8-18, 36-38, 54-57, 63-64, 67-68, and 72-84 depend from claim 7 and thus ultimately depend from allowable claim 6.

Therefore, claims 6, 19, and 39, which have been rewritten in independent form, are allowable as indicated by the Examiner on page 6 of the Office Action. The remaining dependent claims 7-18, 20-38, 40-59, and 61-74 depend from one of the allowable independent claims 6, 19, and 39 and are thus also allowable.

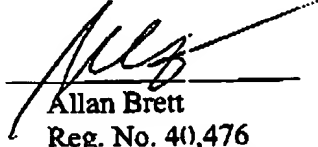
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It is therefore respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early favourable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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